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SUBJ: GOP PLANS FOR INSTALLATION OF 600 MEGAWATT NUCLEAR
REACTOR AT KUNDIAN

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (PAEC)
WILL COMPLETE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND LET BIDS ON SUBJECT
REACTOR BY DECEMBER. FORTHCOMING GOP ENERGY PLAN ENVISIONS
INCREASING USE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN FUTURE. AS BOTH JAPANESE
AND GERMAN FIRMS HAVE DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN WINNING
CONTRACT FOR SUBJECT PROJECT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT COMMERCE
ENCOURAGE U.S. FIRMS TO SEND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HERE.
END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF CALLED UPON MUNIR AHMED
KHAN, CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TO
DETERMINE STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR LETTING BIDS ON
PLANNED 600 MEGAWATT REACTOR AT KUNJIAN. KHAN STATED
THAT HE ANTICIPATES TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED
BY DECEMBER. PAEC HAS COMPLETED PRELIMINARY SITE FEASI-
BILITY STUDIES AND BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPORT FACILITIES.
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EM IN RESPONSE TO QUERY REGARDING INTEREST EXPRESSED IN THE PROJECT BY FOREIGN FIRMS, KHAN MENTIONED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM MITSUBISHI HAD ALREADY VISITED PAKISTAN AND A VISIT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GERMAN FIRM, KRAFTWERKE UNION A. G. WAS EXPECTED SOON. PAEC HAS ALSO SENT LETTERS TO U.S. FIRMS INCLUDING GENERAL ELECTRIC, COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, BABCOCK AND WILCOX AS WELL AS TO WENESE, A EUROPEAN BASED SUBSIDIARY OF WESTINGHOUSE, REQUESTING VISITS BY CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF BIDS. KHAN WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT RESPONSE FROM U.S. FIRMS AS HE FELT KUNDIAN PROJECT MAY BE TOO SMALL TO INTEREST THEM. KHAN HAS ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE OF EX-IM BANK TO VISIT PAKISTAN TO TALK ABOUT PROJECT.

4. KHAN SAID THAT GOP ENERGY PLAN, WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT, WILL EMPHASIZE USE OF NUCLEAR AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER AS ALTERNATIVES TO INCREASINGLY MORE EXPENSIVE FOSSIL FUELED POWER STATIONS. NO ADDITIONAL POWER STATIONS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WHICH REQUIRE IMPORTED OIL. PAKISTAN'S NATURAL GAS RESERVES WILL NOT BE USED FOR POWER GENERATION AS PAKISTAN PREFERS TO CONSERVE THIS RESOURCE FOR USE IN GAS BASED FERTILIZERS. IN COMMENTING ON THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF NUCLEAR POWER, KHAN CITED A STUDY PUBLISHED BY IBRD'S PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DATED 18 APRIL 1974 WHICH CONCLUDES THAT NUCLEAR POWER IS AN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO OIL FOR LDCS AND LISTS PAKISTAN AMONG 15 LDCS FOR WHICH NUCLEAR POWER IS SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT COMMERCE CONTACT APPROPRIATE FIRMS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR SENDING REPRESENTATIVES HERE AS SUCCESSFUL BID BY U.S. FIRM MAY LEAD TO FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE.
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